

# FREMONT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Fremont Town Hall  
295 Main Street  
Fremont, NH 03044  
April 17, 2013  
7:00 PM

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gene Cordes called the April 17, 2013 Budget Committee meeting to order at 7:02 pm on the main floor of Fremont Town Hall.

Present were: Budget Committee Members Gene Cordes, Griffin Cordes, Leon Holmes Sr, Charles Kimball, Patricia Martel, Joe Miccile, Mike Nygren, and Recording Secretary Susan Perry.

Members of the public included Greta St. Germain.

## II. REORGANIZATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 2013

*Leon Holmes motioned to nominate Gene Cordes as Budget Committee Chair. Mike Nygren seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0:1 (abstention from Gene Cordes).*

*Pat Martel motioned to nominate Mike Nygren as Budget Committee Vice Chair. Mike Nygren respectfully declined as he was unsure how the year was going to be for him. No vote.*

*Griffin Cordes motioned to nominate Joe Miccile as Budget Committee Vice Chair. Leon Holmes seconded the motion. Joe Miccile respectfully declined (he felt he was not experienced enough yet on the Committee).*

*Gene Cordes motioned to nominate Charles Kimball as the Budget Committee Chair (based on his experience and ability to take over meetings when necessary). Griffin Cordes seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0:1 (abstention from C. Kimball).*

Mr. Kimball informed the Committee members that this would be his last year on the Committee.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF JANUARY 8, 2013

*Mike Nygren motioned to approve the minutes of the public hearing of January 8, 2013 as written. Charles Kimball seconded the motion. Motion passed 6:0:1 (abstention from L. Holmes).*

## IV. TOWN BUDGET REPORT

There was brief review of the Town budget report through March 31, 2013. The 2013 proposed budget had been approved so no changes were made. The \$9,999 added at the floor of the Deliberative Session had not yet been allocated to any line (it may go into the EX Emergency Allocation line but the Board had not decided about allocating it to any specific budget).

Mr. Nygren noticed discrepancies in the increases in the salary lines for Departments such as Town Clerk, Police Station Dept. Clerk, Planning Board etc. He wondered if there was an input error for the month of January that gave false readings since this happened in various Departments. Ms. St. Germain would inquire about this.

## **V. ROUGH OUT FALL MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting dates were established:

August 21, 2013  
September 18, 2013

Each Wednesday after September 18 through to October.

The goal was to have Town budgets reviewed by November 1 and have the school budget reviewed by November 6.

Public Budget Hearing and Petition Deadline: Tues. January 14, 2014  
Deliberative Session Window: February 1-8, 2014 inclusive

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Nygren asked if revenues were up or stable. Ms. St. Germain said she would ask about that and provide a "trending revenue report". If revenue was trending poorly, Department Heads could be alerted.

Mr. Nygren favored looking for savings in all Departments. It was discussed that while it was important to serve the taxpayers, it was also important that projects, etc. needed to be done in Town. Mr. Nygren suggested that priorities be set for projects and that some projects could be put off if not imminently necessary. Mr. Miccile noted that some projects such as a fire truck were necessary (for safety). Griffin Cordes agreed and thought people should be mindful where things stood to date and to be more efficient with time (come to meetings knowing facts and be prepared).

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:42 PM, Charles Kimball motioned to adjourn. Mike Nygren seconded the motion. Motion passed 8:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Perry,  
Recording Secretary